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Jones County Was Spot-lighted Monday By Officials of F. S. A. Accompanied By Hon. Clyde Garrett

AGRICULTURAL TOUR OF INSPECTION

Two More Jones County Tenant Farmers Receive Checks For Farm Homes

According to Ye Editor's estimation of things, the most important event of this week took place Monday when an "Agricultural Tour and Program," sponsored by the officials of the Farm Security Administration was carried out for this administrative district with Jones County much in the spot-light, the center of attraction.

The program of the FSA on Monday had received extensive publicity over the district of perhaps a dozen counties. The leader of the day was District Rural Supervisor, Robert Fisher of Eastland, who was joined by two State officials, V. R. Smitham, State Director, and C. M. Harvin, State Tenant Land Purchase Director of Dallas. The outstanding guest of the day was Hon. Clyde L. Garrett, Congressman of this district. In addition to these the County officials of the FSA of the adjoining counties, their office help, together with the County Agents, County Home Demonstration Agents, several county civil officers, and city mayors, newspaper men, business men and bankers, and a number of farmers and farm women, made up the party, for the tour and inspection.

NOON LUNCHEON AT ANSON

Promptly at noon the large dining room of the Anson Hotel was crowded and more than could find plates participated in a real Christmas luncheon, at which Mr. Fisher presided as master of ceremonies. The leading personnel of the Farm Security Administration and Mr. Garrett were introduced, and a short talk was made by the Congressman preceding the presentation of two magnificent checks to tenant farmers with which they are to purchase choice homes in Jones County.

\$17,000 FOR TWO HOMES

Mr. Garrett called to the speakers table, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Agnew, of near Hamlin, and Mr. and Mrs. Williams of South Jones County, who had met every detail of inspection for buying a farm home in Jones County with the help of the government. Mr. Garrett made a very impressive talk to them on what this all meant to the immediate families and to the thousands of other families who in after years will no doubt be the recipients of this wonderful aid in getting a home. Needless to say, the two couples were thrilled with the "Christmas Opportunity" to start anew on a life of real security.

The gift of the long famous green checks from Washington, brought cheers and almost tears to everybody present. Several of the six former participants in "home buying" were present and were introduced. They too enjoyed the distinction of the "spot-light" and were complimented on the way they are making good after help was offered. The buoyant spirit of these families, the contented and happy appearance of their faces was enough to make even a wooden man wish this "opportunity" could be expanded to the thousands on the farm and off the farm who look at the future hopelessly, as far as a home is concerned.

Proof of what government aid is doing for those who should have help, under the present economic conditions, was easily proven when the tour of inspection started.

Before we go farther, let us say that "Farm Security Administration" means far more than the average man or woman generally understands.

It means that the Federal government at Washington stands back of the State directors who in turn encourage the county directors, who

*in Jones County are under Director Robert Cross, a shrewd young college graduate, who certainly knows his "stuff," assisted by an able personnel of trained young men and women.

No guess work is allowed in the FSA. Money is put into every phase of the program and it must all be repaid, and to guarantee this ample supervision and encouragement is required.

The immediate personnel in Jones County in the various phases of work, not only includes Mr. Cross and his help, but James M. Bird of Stamford, in charge of Water and Soil Conservation. The Extension work in the county in charge of Floyd Lynch, County Agent, and Miss Gladys Martin, County Home Demonstration Agent. All these branches are being more and more "cog-wheeled" in the Farm Security program. It is all so extensive and so important that but few can realize its far reaching effects. However with what has been done, and what has been seen counts only but

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The Nazarene Church Will Hold Services

We are grateful for the Christmas season and all that it has and does mean to our civilization.

We will celebrate in our regular services Sunday morning.

Sunday School at 9:45—Classes for all ages.

Sermon at 11:00 A. M., "God's Christmas Gift to the World."

At the close of the services all children will be given a present by the Sunday School.

The evening services will be devoted entirely to a Christmas program. Special music, recitations and a short but impressive play.

We invite you to attend any and all of these services.

DAN D. JONES, Pastor

NAZARENE PASTOR AND FAMILY RECIPIENTS OF CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

On Tuesday evening a number of

Hamlin Rotary - Lions To Play Santa, Sunday

The two service clubs of Hamlin, the Rotarians and Lions are going to use a new scheme in playing Santa this Christmas.

Certain children of the community, those that have been certified to as likely not to have much "Christmas" will be invited by the members of the Clubs to be ready at a certain hour at which time the Rotarians and Lions will come for them and carry them to "where Santa is to distribute presents."

Each club member will see that his children has proper entrance and that everyone gets something. It seems to be a good idea and perhaps other organizations will want to join the plan a year hence, if we have needy children then.

Send the Herald to your friends.

The members of the Nazarene Church assembled at the home of pastor, Rev. and Mrs. Dan D. Jones, in a surprise Christmas party. A general good time was enjoyed by all and a suitable program rendered and good-byes were said, and a table was discovered well loaded with many good things to eat, and remembrances for the Yuletide season.

All of this brings the pastor and the people together closer and makes their services to the church and community more efficient.

A New Oil Well Seems Iminent For Stonewall

Oil was struck in the Shell-Anna E. Smith well, No. 1, in Stonewall County, between Hamlin and Aspermont, early Monday morning.

The drilling contractor is C. T. McLaughlin of Big Spring and Snyder and the oil was struck at 4395 feet, about 1600 feet quicker than the contract calls for.

The oil was found in what is called "Canyon Sand". At this time the drillers can hardly tell what they have located. From reports it would seem that they reached pay in a shallow sand and proceeded about two feet and again picked up a hard layer. Underreaming is going on to guarantee water shut-off, and if the production is not enough for the outlay perhaps they will continue deeper to see what lies beyond.

Considerable excitement has already been created and with the finding of even a well of a hundred barrels in that part of Jones County is spelling greater activity. Shell has spent much hunting for oil in Stonewall, and in all probability there is a great oil pool somewhere in the area north or maybe south of the river.

Maybe we had better tell you that the Boyd-Chapel wildcat well is a

producer and that there is plenty of room out that way for some big stuff. The present well would have made a wild dash a few years ago to gobble up leases and drilling contracts. It is a little slower these days.

C. S. LOW DIED HERE TUESDAY EVENING

Another pioneer of Hamlin passed away on Tuesday evening, December 19, at 7:25, when death came to C. S. Low at his home on Alamo Avenue.

Mr. Low was a son of the venerable and Rev. J. H. Low, who passed away in Hamlin in the early 1920's at the age of 94 years. C. S. Low was affectionately called "Sip" by his closest friends, and since his arrival in Hamlin, at its beginning in 1905, he figured as a good citizen and town builder.

C. S. Low was born in Tennessee and in early life came with his family to Texas and for awhile they lived at Sulphur Springs, and later moved to Sipe Springs when in 1888 he was married to Bettie Fleming, who lived as a faithful companion till June 1936. The surviving children are Mrs. Matt Meador of Alpine, Bob J. Low and Dick Low of Hamlin. One son, Homer H. Low passed away some years previous to the death of the mother. Mrs. Meador was unable to attend the funeral, because of illness.

Mr. Low was the son of a Methodist minister and was reared in that faith and was a member of the Methodist Church in Hamlin from the time he came here in 1905. He had a quiet, unassuming manner, very pleasing and kind in his associations with his fellowmen. He was one of Hamlin's early real estate men, associated with the late attorney Tom Whiteley and one of the additions of Hamlin is on the records as Low & Whiteley Additions. Mr. Low also dealt in farming and stock raising. He was one of the leading spirits in getting the late A. & S. railroad into Hamlin, assisting in raising the big bonus to secure its coming.

Since the death of his wife in 1936, Mr. Low has been in ill health which kept him from mixing with his old friends, yet there was ever that spirit of joviality and friendly twinkle in his eyes.

Funeral services were conducted at the Methodist church Wednesday at 3:00 P. M. by the pastor, Rev. John H. Hendrix assisted by Rev. J. Henry Littleton. It was Rev. Littleton's family that became close friends of the Low family near Sipe Springs in the early days, and thus when Rev. Littleton came to Hamlin as a pastor 14 years ago, Mr. Low appeared much like a brother to him.

Many beautiful floral offerings were evident at the funeral, and a large number of old friends and neighbors were present to pay their tribute.

The pallbearers were Fed H. Britton, C. C. Prater, J. J. Waggoner, T. E. Harden, Joe C. Culbertson, Fred B. Moore, O. H. Berry and E. C. Brand, the last two of Sweetwater, friends of long standing of Mr. Low.

Interment was in charge of the Barrow Company and the body was placed to rest in East Cemetery by the side of the companion.

H. A. Stacy who has been taking treatment in the hospital at Big Spring has improved so much that he was able to come home Wednesday for Christmas. Mr. Stacy is looking fine and weighs a little more than before his illness. Mr. Stacy will likely return to the hospital early in January. In this connection the Herald is glad to learn that Mrs. Stacy who had a stroke of paralysis a little over a year ago, is able to walk a little.

Mrs. J. W. Wallace and daughter Rosalia, of Lone Pine California, are spending the week with her sister, Mrs. L. E. Hines in Plasterco.



Another year. Another Christmas. Once more children look up, the very Star of Bethlehem reflected in their eyes as they hear the story of the infant Jesus.

Once more the parents of little children everywhere pray that there should be peace on earth—for never before in all history, has His lesson been more worthy of repetition. Good will toward men—let every man say it over and over. Let it be instilled in the hearts of those just learning the ways of life. Nor is there any man who can observe Christmas reverently—without doing sacrilege to His name—if that man fails to practice the lesson of "Good will toward men!"

The Hamlin Herald



Lowest
Long Distance Rates
apply the
DAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS
and
ALL CHRISTMAS DAY

This year there's no need to wait until 7 p.m. Christmas Eve to get the lowest rates on Christmas telephone calls. The low night and Sunday long distance rates are in effect from 7 p.m. Saturday, December 23, until 4:30 a.m. Tuesday, December 26. These rates apply on calls to points in the United States, Canada, Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico.

SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE CO.



Mrs. W. E. McLendon sends in a renewal for the Herald for 1940. She has recently been spending the past month in Jones County with her daughter and son and will spend the winter in Fort Worth with her son, Chester and family, at 2737 Avenue I.

Mrs. Gene Scott is sending the Herald to her mother, Mrs. W. J. Miller, for a Christmas present. Mrs. Miller formerly lived in Hamlin but is spending the winter in Tarzan, Texas, with a daughter, Mrs. E. L. Key.

If you do not take the Herald—
The Herald Anywhere 1 Yr. \$1.00 subscribe and enjoy it every week.

MOVING . . .

—Within a few days we are to give possession of the building we are now using and will move into our own building, known as the

Manning Brick

In addition to prices quoted here we are giving other and still lower bargains if taken before our move. This is a good chance to make a big saving.

COCOA Mothers 2 lbs	18c
MATCHES 6 boxes	19c
VINEGAR gallon	19c
SUGAR 10 lbs. cane	53c
MEAL Cream 20 lbs	39c
SPUDS No. 1 — 10 lbs	18c
SOAP C W or P-G 5 bars	19c
COFFEE 2 lbs	25c
PEACHES gallon	55c
SHREDDED WHEAT box	10c
BREAKFAST BACON lb	20c
BACON smoked rind off lb	16c
SEVEN STEAK lb	15c
T-BONE STEAK lb	22c
JOWLS lb	8c

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METHODIST CHURCH

Church school opens its session at 9:45 A. M. It has shown a healthy increase in attendance of late. It would greatly encourage you if you should look in on it. That is your privilege any Sabbath morning.

MORNING WORSHIP: 10:50 a. m.

The efficient choir will render choice Christmas hymns, such as you know and enjoy. Then the pastor will deliver a sermon, using as the subject, "Peace On Earth." This does not intend to treat big international matters. It desires to trace peace to its origin. Where does it begin? What relations do we have to it—Mr. Average Man? What is war made of? What is our responsibility toward peace on earth? These might prove to be profitable. This is part of the Gospel and it must be discussed in season and out of season.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE will meet at 6:15 P. M., all of them in a big happy group, and go caroling, go to visit and bring cheer to a host of our shut-ins. It seems to be generally agreed that there will be no service at the evening hour of worship. We are following that agreement. No hour of worship in the evening.

So here it is: Church School at 9:45 A. M.

Morning Worship, 10:50 A. M.

Young People meet for trip caroling at 6:15 P. M.

No Evening Worship.

JOHN W. HENDRIX, Pastor.

1700 Pounds of Metal Magnetized Off Hiway

Along on the shoulders of all highways are numerous cast off tacks, nails, bolts and broken pieces of iron. These provide punctures for autos. To get this nuisance cleared, a magnetic truck is used to entice these particles into a box or bag.

Recently Jones County state highways were "magnetized" and they gave up about 1700 pounds of metal, according to reliable reports.

CHRISTMAS CARDS—At the Herald Office. Get 'em with your name neatly printed on them.

Farmers In Trouble Invited To Meeting

Farmers whose excessive debts stand in the way of renewing their 1940 land-tenure agreements or who might lose their machinery or livestock during the year may get assistance in adjusting their debts by attending the meeting of the Jones County farm debt adjustment committee.

The committee meets at 10:00 A.

M., Friday, December 22, at Anson.

"The farm debt adjustment committee can probably work out an agreement between the debt-distressed farmer and his creditor whereby he can remain on his land and keep his machinery and livestock," said Robert C. Cross, Farm Security Administration supervisor. "Creditors are willing to grant time extensions, re-amortizations, scale-downs of principal and interest, and reductions in interest when an orderly and fair repayment schedule has been worked out."

Mr. Robert C. Cross said that the committee, composed of local men, works free of charge and keeps matters brought before it confidential.

"The worst bankrupt in the world is the man who has lost his enthusiasm."

DR. Q. DON GOULD CHIROPRACTOR

TEXAS GRADUATE
N. Main St. HAMLIN, TEXAS






1,000 OF US WISH ALL OF YOU
A Merry Christmas
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR



"I'll be on the job, folks"

Service With a Smile on Christmas Day

TWINKLING lights... multi-colored lights... bright, cheerful lights—all an important part of the ritual which makes Christmas the most inspiring of all holidays.

Behind the light cord are a thousand men and women whose labor and skill are essential to your comfort and happiness every day in the year.

Many of them will be on the job Christmas Eve and Christmas Day so that Light will be at your command.

This is a year-round service they perform—with a smile.

West Texas Utilities Company

Bad News One Way, Good Business Another

It might be considered bad news for one to hear that his paper will stop unless it is renewed for another period, yet to a publisher who expects to keep going in business it really means good business to receive something for his paper . . . or else the paper will be unable to navigate . . . this all means that we shall be pleased if you will look just to the right of your names and see what the date says . . . it must say, 1940 pretty soon if it is to keep arriving at your address.

The past few weeks so many have renewed their subscriptions, and even from other counties and other states orders have come to place their names for some good Texas daily paper. Besides all this the Herald has received the largest number of NEW subscribers in a long time. Most of these new readers are looking forward to 1940 for that is going to be the year of great and unusual things in the local and world news. The home paper is the nearest to your heart of all . . . it is your neighbor and best friend in time of trouble and prosperity as well. So, in anybody's community, one can well afford 2 cents per week to read about local happenings.

We heard a fellow say on Hamlin's streets Saturday, he walked a block and saved fifty cents on a certain purchase in a Hamlin store. The saving right there paid for six months subscription to the Herald. Nearly any week one can find a chance to make a better deal by reading the Herald. It is good business to keep the Herald coming and bad business if you don't. Watch your dates.

The Herald has been getting many remembrances for Christmas and on one we found a quartet of happy little dogs saying 'Greetings, etc., Good Luck,' and within a pretty check for \$2.00 for the 1940 subscriptions. Signed Mrs. A. L. Lewis, Dallas. That was fine, and thanks, Mrs. Lewis.

Visit the Herald and tell us your troubles—we also want your business.

Classified Ads

NOTICE ADVERTISING RATES:

Advertising of this kind is charged for at 5 cents per line or fraction of line per issue. Charges not paid for in advance, will be billed to advertiser at the end of the month.

HOUSE FOR SALE OR RENT

Have a home on "Park Street," 10th, for rent or sale. Would sell for small down payment and balance monthly. If interested, write

E. D. DAVIS

P. O. Box 893, Phillips, Texas
Call for key and further information at the Herald office. (6-1f)

WOOD FOR SALE

Have about 40 cords of good Mesquite wood for sale at \$1.50 per cord on the ground, one and half mile south of Neinda.

GUY POE (8-2P)

FARMALL TRACTOR FOR SALE

Have a good Farmall Tractor and equipment for sale. Phone 9028-F11 or see

J. C. GEORGE (8-P)

Mrs. Frank Johnson, of Dallas, is here to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. P. May and other relatives. Her husband, Dr. Frank Johnson and his brother, Dr. Robert Johnson, students in Baylor Medical College will come Thursday to join her and for a visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Johnson.

DON'T you feel bad when some friend remembers you with a Christmas card and you did not send out a single one? Get 'em at the Herald with your name neatly printed-in—be ready for that Christmas Cheer.

DR. Q. DON GOULD CHIROPRACTOR

TEXAS GRADUATE
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That NEW SUIT he has wanted . . .
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FOOT FASHION SHOES in the latest patterns.

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PAJAMAS by all means . . . new
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FOR "HER"

A Dorothy Perkins' Cologne and
BATH POWDER SET. With Sheer
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For Mother

Make her heart glad with gifts for her
home. A selection from our Esmond
BLANKETS would please, with beau-
tiful Chenille BEDSPREAD to match

FOR SISTER

She would like PANTIES in Munsing-
wear, certainly. Or perhaps some
CANNON TOWELS . . . or lovely
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FOR "HIM"

One of our New LOUNGING ROBES
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Perhaps an ARROW SHIRT, TIE
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1939

PIERCE BROOKS SAYS

"The other day in Austin I had the privilege of reading the last will and testament of General Sam Houston, first President of the Republic of Texas. Among other matters mentioned, The Great Defender wrote that he wanted his children so educated in the Scriptures, that they would not desire to read the filthy stories and novels that cursed civilization. His wise utterance recalls that Maculay, the great scholar and author, said: 'I would rather be a poor man in a garret with plenty of books than a king who did not love reading.'"

With all their numerical strength and the stories about them, it is unusual that among the signers of the Declaration of Texas Independence, and the signers of the first constitution of the State of Texas, there are to be found no Smiths or Jones. There was a George Smyth who signed the Declaration, however, with the "Y" pronounced as in fly.

When the third Texas Legislature convened 90 years ago there were 92 counties; 22 Senatorial Districts and 22 Senators; 43 Representatives' Districts and 48 Representatives. This total of 70 members has now reached 181.

Shelby J. Treadaway, District Engineer and Jack Roberts, District Sup. of Maintenance, were guests of the Hamlin Rotary Club, Wednesday. For the past few weeks Mr. Treadaway has been in Austin taking some extra study in highway engineering and he "thinks he passed" -- it was a regular school of instructions.

Headache, Bad Breath May Be Your Warning

The sea's thrilling S. O. S. means "Help is needed now!" And, so do most of those headaches, that biliousness, coated tongue, or bad breath which are often signs of constipation. To disregard these symptoms may bring on a host of other discomforts from sluggish bowels: sour stomach, belching, loss of appetite. See how much better you feel the day after taking spicy, all vegetable BLACK-DRAUGHT. By simple directions, it acts gently, cleanses promptly, thoroughly. Its principal ingredient is an intestinal tonic-laxative; imparts tone to lazy bowel muscles. Next time try BLACK-DRAUGHT!

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Murphy of Sacramento, Calif., came over to spend Christmas with their daughter, Miss Frances Virginia, who is a student in McMurtry College, and their mother, Mrs. E. J. Huie, of McCaulley.

A fine 8 pound son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Bristow, of Lamesa at the Thurman Clinic, Sunday night, Dec. 17th.

Beaver, recently trapped in South Central Texas and released in Eastern Texas, show signs of becoming permanently established.

DON'T throw your money away—on a daily paper—Come into the Herald Office and let us help you keep part of it in your own pocket.

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SEMI-WEEKLY, DALLAS

FARM NEWS AND

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Creomulsion relieves promptly because it goes right to the seat of the trouble to loosen germ laden phlegm, increase secretion and aid nature to soothe and heal raw, tender, inflamed bronchial mucous membranes. No matter how many medicines you have tried, tell your druggist to sell you a bottle of Creomulsion with the understanding that you are to like the way it quickly allays the cough or you are to have your money back.

CREOMULSION For Coughs, Chest Colds, Bronchitis

Rev. and Mrs. Dan G. Jones and three children made a business trip to Lubbock from Wednesday thru Thursday of this week.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

and

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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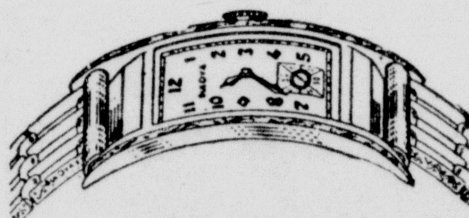
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Two diamond wrist watch with link bracelet. 17 jewel

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A Bulova Watch

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Raised gold initial ring mounted on genuine onyx. Styled for her or him.



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Letters To Santa Claus



Hamlin, Texas, Dec. 12, 1939
Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a cowboy suit and a fountain pen, also nuts, fruit and candy.

your friend,
BERT TRUETT RAINWATER

Hamlin, Texas, Dec. 12, 1939
Dear Santa Claus:
I go to school at Neinda and am in the 3rd grade. Please bring me a tractor with plows and a fountain pen; also nuts, fruit and candy.

your friend,
JIMMIE MORGAN

Hamlin, Texas, Dec. 12, 1939
Dear Santa Claus:
I go to school at Neinda and am in the third grade. Please bring me a bicycle and a small tractor with plow tools. Bring my little brother a tricycle and a train.

your friend,
VOLLIE DEWITT HODGES

Hamlin, Texas, Dec. 12, 1939
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll, house slippers and a fountain pen. I am in the third grade. Please remember my two sisters and also nuts, fruit and candy.

your friend,
BETTIE MAYNARD

Hamlin, Texas, Dec. 12, 1939
Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good girl and have studied hard at school. I am in the third grade. Please bring me a doll, a doll buggy and note book, also nuts, fruit and candy.

your friend,
OLETHA MAYNARD

Hamlin, Texas, Dec. 12, 1939
Dear Santa Claus:
I go to school at Neinda and am in the third grade. I have not missed a day in school this year. Please bring me a doll, a fountain pen, and a pair of house slippers. Also nuts, fruits and candy.

your friend,
BILLIE MAYNARD

Hamlin, Texas, Dec. 12, 1939
Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good little girl. Please bring me a doll and a washing machine, also nuts, fruit and candy.

your friend,
HELEN FAY BLANTON

Hamlin, Texas, Dec. 12, 1939
Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good girl. I like to go to school. Please bring me a baby doll and a color book.

your friend,
GLADYS LOUISE GREGORY

Hamlin, Texas, Dec. 15, 1939
Dear Santa Claus:
North Pole, America.

Will you please bring me a fire truck that I can get in and pedal; and an electric train. Be sure and not forget me, but if there are too many little boys to bring things to, you can just bring me what you have left. Merry Xmas,

ROBERT BONNER

Hamlin, Texas, Dec. 15, 1939
Dear Santa:
We are glad you reminded us of you. Here is what we want:
Donald, age 7—A sock full of candy, and fruit. A new big black pencil for school and a toy machine gun. Also a pocketbook.

Edgar, age 5—A sock full of candy and fruit, a balloon, tricycle

little sister a doll, a bucket and a shovel.

your little friend,
BARBARA RODGERS

Hamlin, Texas, Dec. 12, 1939
Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good boy this year. I am in the second grade. Please bring me a tricycle, a tractor with plows and a fountain pen.

your friend,
JACKIE WILLIAMS

Hamlin, Texas, Dec. 12, 1939
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll and doll cradle. I have been a good girl. Remember my mother and daddy and bring them something nice.

your friend,
WILMA FAY WOOD

Hamlin, Texas, Dec. 12, 1939
Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good girl. I am in the second grade. I am 7 years old. Please bring me a doll and suit case with doll clothes in it.

your friend,
MELBA GOE TURNER

Hamlin, Texas, Dec. 12, 1939
Dear Santa Claus:
I am 8 years old and in the second grade. Please bring me a pocket watch. Bring my little brother and sister something nice.

your friend,
KENNETH FUDGE

Hamlin, Texas, Rt. 2 Dec. 12, 1939.
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll, a nurse kit, a doll buggy, a set of dishes and a table and two chairs and a chest of drawers, a dresser, an electric stove, an electric ice box, a housecoat, a pair of house shoes, a cook-

set. I go to school in Plasterco. I am seven years old and in the second grade.

Your friend,
Glenna Faye Ray.

Hamlin, Texas, Rt. 2 Dec. 12, 1939.
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll and a doll buggy and some dishes and some fruit and nuts.

Your friend, Peggy Gene Gardner.

Hamlin, Tex., Rt. 2, Dec. 12, 1939.
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll and a house coat, a cooking set and a pair of skates also candy, and fruits. I am in the second grade and am 7 years old.

Joyce Dunn.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl eight years old. Please bring me a doll with a long dress, a toy cash register that costs 89c. Bring anything else you want to. Come to see all the other little girls and boys and bring me candy, fruits and nuts.

Bettie Gene Hines.

Hamlin, Texas, Rt. 2, Dec. 15, 1939
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl. I go to Plasterco school. I am seven years old. Please bring me a doll, a piano, some dishes and a tricycle.

Your friend,
Bennie Bernice Elkins.

Hamlin, Texas, Rt. 2, Dec. 15, 1939
Dear Santa Claus:
I go to Plasterco school. I am a little boy. Please bring me a white handle pistol, an air gun, and a bicycle.

Your friend,
Jerry Polk Carr.

Hamlin, Texas, Rt. 2, Dec. 15, 1939
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a tricycle, a

gun, some sparklers. I am six years old. I go to Plasterco school.

Weldon Wayne Whiteley.

Hamlin, Texas, Rt. 2, Dec. 15, 1939
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring a bicycle, a little car, a doll, a little washing machine, a big girl doll, a cooking set.

From:—
Doris, Jessie Dean and James Felton.

Hamlin, Texas, Rt. 2, Dec. 15, 1939
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl. I go to Plasterco school. I am six years old. Please bring me a doll.

Your friend, Joy Scott.

Hamlin, Texas, Rt. 2, Dec. 15, 1939
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl. I go to Plasterco school. I am six years old. Please bring me a doll, a piano, a bicycle and some skates.

Your friend, Flora Nichols.

Hamlin, Texas, Rt. 2, Dec. 15, 1939
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll, some dishes, a doll buggy.

Your friend, Dolores Ann Bevels.

Hamlin, Texas, Rt. 2, Dec. 15, 1939
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl. I am six years old. Please bring me a doll.

Your friend, Juanita Griffin.

Hamlin, Texas, Rt. 2, Dec. 15, 1939
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll, a set of dishes, a doll buggy, a doctor and nurse kit and a pair of skates. I am in the second grade.

Your friend, Betty Joyce Ray.

Hamlin, Texas, Rt. 2, Dec. 15, 1939
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll, a pair of

skates, a doll bed and an electric stove.

Your friend, Lillian Larue Millhorn.

Hamlin, Texas, Rt. 2, Dec. 15, 1939
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a rubber mouse, a box of cherry candy and two roman candles, four boxes of sparklers, a pair of skates, a bicycle and nuts and fruit.

Your friend, Ben Hill Turner.

Hamlin, Texas, Rt. 2, Dec. 15, 1939
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a basket ball, and a base ball and bat a doodle bug, cowboy gun and a marble game. I am 7 years old. I am in the second grade.

Your friend, Lester Campbell.

Hamlin, Texas, Rt. 2, Dec. 15, 1939
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a bicycle and a baseball, a bat and a doodle bug, cowboy gun, a foot ball and a marble game.

Your friend, Wesley Campbell.

Dear Santa Claus:
Hamlin, Texas, Rt. 2, Dec. 15, 1939
Please bring me a pearl handle gun, base ball bat, tool set, chinese checkers, Dick Tracy set, basket ball and chaps. I am in the second grade, am eight years old.

Your friend, Billy Ray Christopher.

Hamlin, Texas, Rt. 2, Dec. 15, 1939
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll and a buggy, a house coat, house shoes. Also some candy, oranges, bananas and apples. I am three years old.

Patsy Dunn.

Miss Vera Culbertson, of Wichita Falls, came Monday to spend Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Culbertson.



TURKEYS

A Nice Selection Dressed or On Foot

Hens Fine, Plump
Tender Birds
Dressed & Drawn 49c up

Oysters Nice Size
Chesapeake Bay—PINT 35c

Sausage Country
Made—LB. 25c

ROAST Veal
Chuck—LB. 15c

FLOUR Superlite
Extra High Patent 48 lbs. \$1.49

Shortening 8 lb. Carton 75c

Apples 163 Size—DOZ.
Fancy Delicious 19c

Oranges 270 Size
DOZ. 19c

CELERY Well Bleached
STALK 10c

Cranberries lb. 15c

COCOANUTS fresh 3 for 25c

ORANGES 120 Size
Navals—DOZ. 50c

Dates Bulk
Pitted—2 LBS. 35c

COCOANUT Fancy Long
Shred—LB. 23c

Mince Meat Home-Like
2 LB. JAR 25c

COFFEE Folgers
2 LBS. 55c

Peas Mission Brand
Fancy Sugar 2 No. 2 Tins 27c

BEST MAID Full
SALAD DRESSING Pint 15c

HAPYDA CUT

Pickles

Sour or Dill

10c qt.

CANDIES

Chocolate Drops 2 lbs. 25c

Orange Slices 2 lbs. 25c

Xmas Mix 2 lbs. 25c

Peppermint Stick 7½ oz. 9c

GOLD STAR

Grape Jelly 2 LB. JAR 25c

JELLO All Flavors 5c

Apple Sauce White House
1 Lb. 2 Oz. Tin 14c

Albritton Food Store

CHRISTMAS

"Peace on Earth Good Will Toward Men"



We offer you this wish: good luck, good fun, and good health be yours from Christmas on. Greetings!
We hasten to wish you an exciting New Year, and look forward to enjoying your patronage.

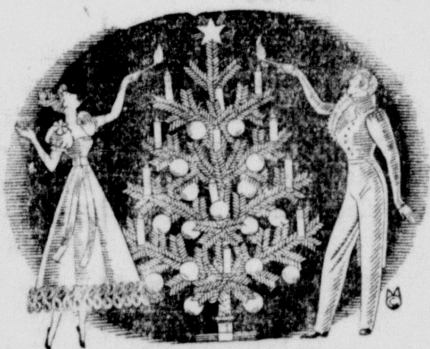
JOHN ED DAY
AND THE STORE PERSONNEL



ALLOW US TO EXPRESS
OUR WISHES THAT YOU
ENJOY THE SEASON'S
GOOD THINGS

We hope your wishes come true for 1940, bringing you and your loved ones the joy of dreams fulfilled in a New Year.

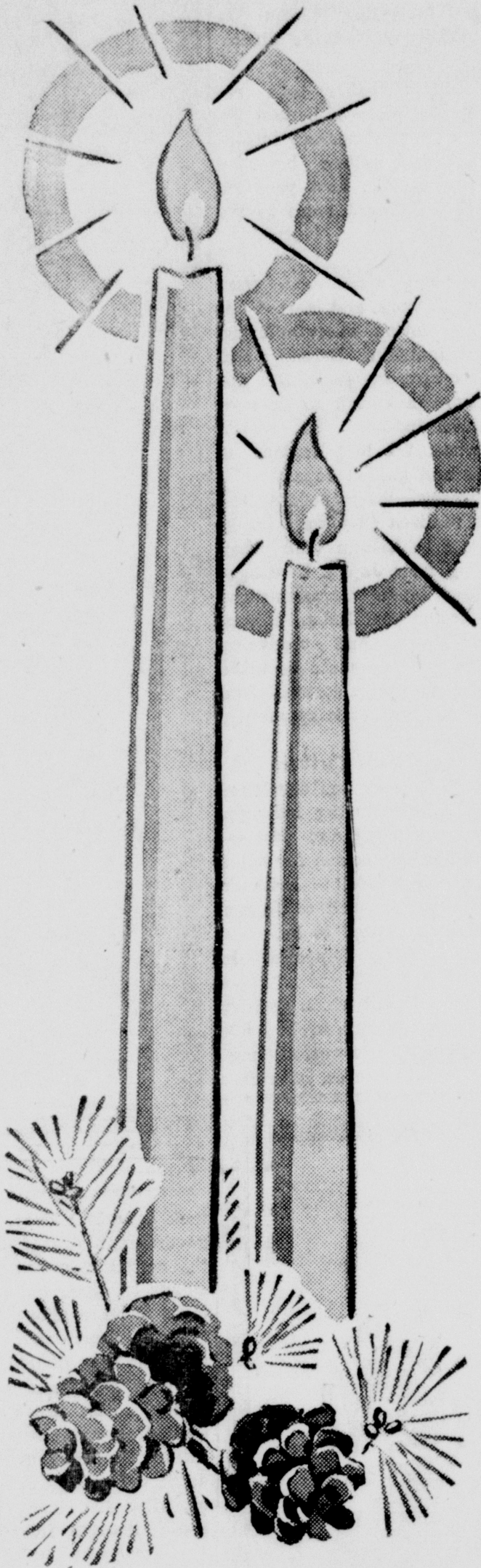
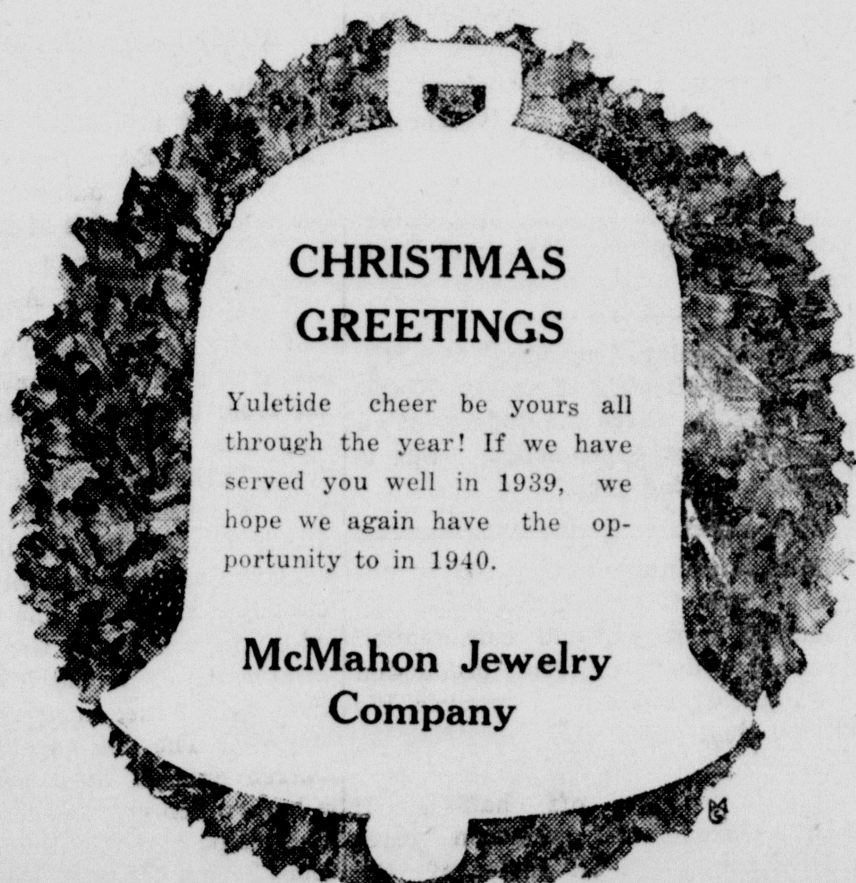
MR. and MRS. JESS YOUNG
—TAILORING—



Merry Christmas

Two little words—they've been said over and over again for generations—but they still express the spirit of the season! "MERRY CHRISTMAS" to you and yours. Even if you don't believe in exchanging costly presents—don't miss the joy of exchanging those friendly words, and the trifling remembrances which make them come true.

L. L. COWAN TAILOR SHOP
MRS. L. L. COWAN AND SON
MORRIS LANCASTER



As the year draws to a close, and we reflect upon our many pleasant relations, which it has been our good fortune to have had, it is indeed gratifying to find the Holiday Season enabling us to extend a warm and friendly greeting to you and to your entire household.

Your kind patronage throughout the year has helpfully contributed to our success and happiness, and for this we wish to express our thanks and whole-hearted appreciation.

Thus, it is our fervent wish that the coming year may be one of the most prosperous for you, and that this Holiday season may be filled with joy and happiness unceasing.

Cordially yours,

THE FERGUSON THEATRE
MRS. B. S. FERGUSON

Christmas **CHEER**



Get out and have fun this Christmas! Tell your friends to meet you and go about singing Christmas Carols together! Old fashioned? Sure it is—but this is an old fashioned Christmas, and you'll enjoy it more if you get right into the spirit of it—with a song!

THE CLOVER FARM STORE
JAMES DUNLAP AND THE BOYS



WE OFFER YOU
THE SEASON'S
GREETINGS
IN ALL SINCERITY

Here's a merry toast to what 1940 holds in store for you, our patrons. Our best wishes to you for the very jolly New Year.



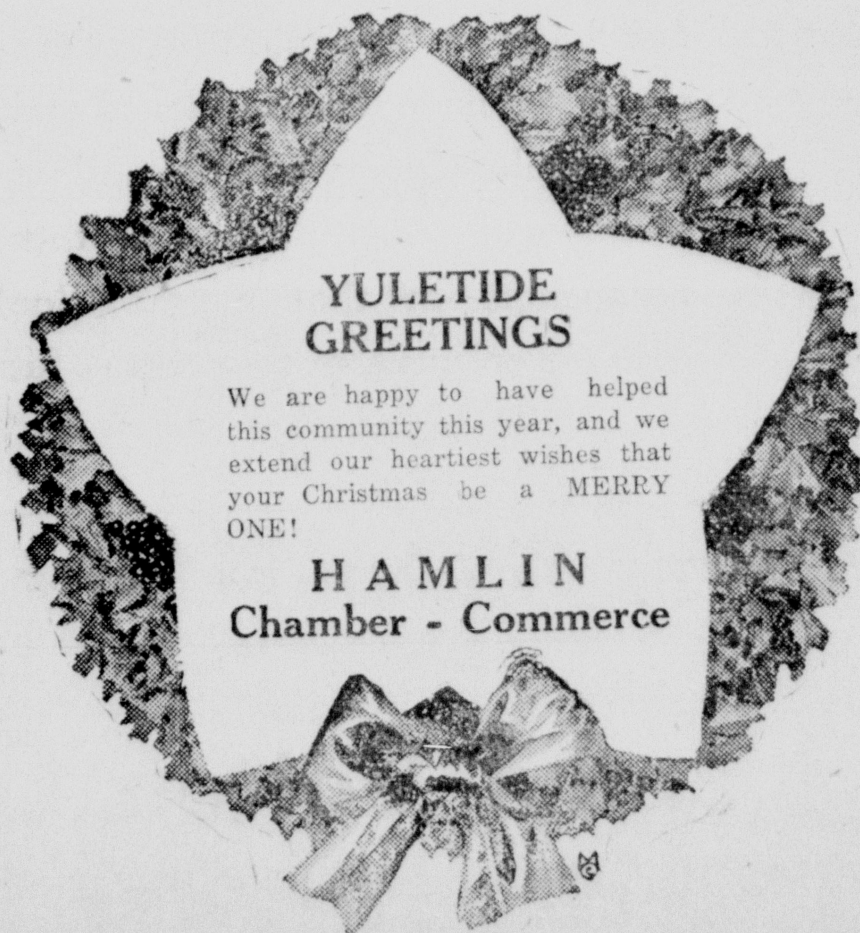
M. T. YORK STORES
No. 1 and No. 2 — HAMLIN



Christmas Cheer

Make this a really old fashioned Christmas — Make the frosty air tingle with the element of surprise — Wrap your things-to-give more festively than you've ever attempted to before! Scatter cheer wherever you go, visiting your friends, writing gay greetings, calling out across the street, and saying over the telephone — "Merry Christmas! An old fashioned Merry Christmas to you all!"

INZER PHARMACY
MR. AND MRS. J. S. INZER



Cotton Situation Today

(From Jones Co. A. C. A.)

Today we want to take a good look at the cotton situation in the world. We don't want to leave any false impressions, but we don't want to appear too discouraging.

We are faced with a world supply of 50 million bales of cotton. Of this amount 24 million are in other countries; 26 million are the United States supply.

Breaking down the 26 million bales, we find 14 million bales are the carry-over. 12 million bales are the current production.

Now any way you look at it, that amounts to a lot of cotton, far more than the world is accustomed to using, far more than the world will by any chance use this year. Meanwhile, production will continue.

Narrowing this down for the moment to the American picture, remember that consumption of American cotton last year totaled about 10 million bales, and liberal estimates this year cannot foresee consumption of more than 12 million bales, if that much, during the current year. And 12 million bales, we believe, is the most we can possibly expect to be consumed on an average at any time in the future unless radical changes in the way of living, in the world consumption picture occur.

So where are we?

We have on hand more than twice as much cotton as will be consumed this year. Can we expect a price rise because of the war?

We don't believe we can. The warring nations find themselves short of foreign exchange here in America and what they have will probably be spent on war materials. Cotton is not a war material. We have little doubt that consumption of American cotton in England and France will probably be reduced, and the blockade of Germany will, in all probability, prevent her from importing any at all.

England will turn to her dominions for all supplies she can get. She will get cotton from India and Egypt, and wheat and livestock from Canada and Australia. From the United States she will get guns and

aeroplanes and munitions—materials with which her Dominions cannot supply her.

But, the farmer says, during the last war the price of cotton soared. Can I not expect the same thing this time?

We don't believe he can. Study the charts which have been given you. Remember that the supply of American cotton today is more than 8 million bales larger than at the beginning of the World War, but consumption is not likely to be as large as it was in 1914-15.

Before, during and after the last war the United States held a corner on the world cotton market, supplying 65 per cent of all cotton consumed in the world. Today we supply about 42 per cent.

There's no use dodging the issue: Our export markets are irreparably damaged. We're doing our best to retain our fair share of the world market and will probably succeed in doing so. But world conditions have lost to us some markets which will never be regained.

Let's look at a few of the many reasons why we have lost our export markets. And remember, this process has been a long time trend, starting soon after the war.

First, let's take a look at the production of rayon. Production of rayon—which is made from sawlogs and such materials—in the years preceding the last war amounted to about 21 million pounds per year, the equivalent of 49,000 bales of cotton.

Not enough to bother about, the farmer thought—if he thought about it at all.

But in the two decades following the war, the world picture changed. Trade barriers were thrown up. The United States passed embargo tariffs and certain countries retaliated with embargoes against United States products. World trade slowed down. We said, in effect, pay us all the money you owe us but pay cash. The debtor nations didn't have the cash. We wouldn't take their products. Both sides were stalemated.

With world trade slowed down, countries like Germany and Italy

looked around for something to replace all this cotton they were forced to buy from the United States. They went to work and improved the manufacture of rayon until it was economically sound to produce it in great volume. The more rayon they produced, the less cotton they needed.

By 1938 production of rayon throughout the world amounted to 1 billion, 948 million pounds, the equivalent of 4 1-2 million bales of cotton.

Gone was a lot of that valuable export trade to Germany and Italy and Japan and other countries. And, by the way, don't think of rayon as something silky and glossy. It's not all that way. Rayon today is made so it looks and feels like cotton. It takes an expert to tell the difference.

Going a little further, let's review the British picture. Britain used to take a lot of American cotton, between 3 and 4 million bales a year before the war. Last year we exported 400 thousand bales to the United Kingdom.

What happened? Not very long after the war, Japan went to work and started developing her cotton manufacturing industry, underselling Britain and taking her customers away. But she bought American cotton to process, so the American said, "Oh, what's the difference. We lost England as a customer and gained Japan."

But it wasn't long before the Americans realized they were losing more exports to Britain than they were gaining from Japan. Investigation disclosed Japan was mixing the American cotton and Indian cotton, an inferior grade, and producing materials as good as could be made from wholly American cotton. And so part of that market is apparently gone for good.

But let's go a little farther.

India went to work and developed her cotton manufacturing industry. She started producing and processing most of her own cotton for home consumption. The result: Britain's exports to India dropped to 14 per cent of what they used to be.

The same thing happened in China.

Then there's Brazil which country cotton experts consider to be our greatest competitor in cotton production. When the price of coffee

Christmas CHEER



Christmas is the one time of the year when all people are imbued with the desire to express the very best wishes of which they are capable—and so it is with us. We extend to every one of our clientele the sincere greetings of the season. And we hope that we are not failing in good cheer all through the year—when you make a deposit or withdrawal, when you consult one of our expert financial advisers, and when you depend on us for some special service which we alone in this community are equipped to give.

Farmers and Merchants National Bank

"SOLID AS A ROCK"

Member F. D. I. C.



The Christmas and New Year Season brings to mind the gratitude that is in our hearts for all the blessings that have come our way. In the past the friends of this organization have made possible progress and a certain amount of prosperity. Through these friendships life has been an enjoyable experience, one in which we have the confidence and esteem of the people whom we serve. All we ask is the pleasure of a continuance of these fine relationships—so that we may look with a genuine enthusiasm toward the future.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Hamlin Cotton Oil Mill

J. E. MOODY, Mgr.

Hamlin, Texas

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took a serious drop, the Brazilian government started development of the cotton industry. They sent Brazilians to American agricultural colleges to learn about cotton; they interested American capital in setting up gins; they bought American seed—Texas seed—and developed one-variety cotton areas and a one-variety cotton state; American farm machinery brought production up to date; and what's more they corrected what American mistakes they could discover in marketing, ginning, and other phases of the industry.

Brazil has subsidized cotton production indirectly by allowing a better rate of foreign exchange for cotton sold abroad. Moreover, Brazil is willing to trade her cotton for manufactured goods—something the United States is unwilling to do. The United States in effect, even refused to accept any importations of goods in exchange for any agricultural commodities. The high tariffs prevented such trade.

There are numerous other reasons why consumption of American cotton has decreased—most of them you have heard time and again. We won't attempt to list them all.

But we want to leave this thought with you: The situation today is far different from the situation during the last war. We don't believe—and we feel fairly sure we are right—there will be any appreciable rise in the cotton price. Remember that our supply is so much larger than it was before, that our world market has shrunk, and that other materials can be substituted in many cases for cotton.

And, remember also, about the only chance of getting a high price for cotton will be through inflation. If cotton goes to 20 cents, prices of other commodities, of clothes and cars and farm equipment and everything else you buy will rise proportionately—or even more rapidly. A rise in the cotton price under such conditions might even result in smaller purchasing power for your cotton dollar and you would be worse off than at present.

Right here in your hands you have just what is needed. You have the Agricultural Adjustment Act and the big word there is "Adjustment." Already in operation is ade-

CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR FRESHMAN CLASS

Fifty members of the freshman class of Hamlin High School met at the high school building Monday evening for their annual Christmas party. A Christmas motif was emphasized in the room decorations and refreshments.

At the conclusion of games and contests, refreshments were served to class members and Hermona Shadle, Mr. and Mrs. Ivy Witt, Mrs. E. J. Herr, Mrs. Joe Culbertson and Mrs. B. Hassen.

Members of the committee who planned the party were Winnie Fay Hassen, Donald Davenport and Edward Bagwell.

SENIORS HAVE SCAVENGER HUNT

The senior class of Hamlin High School began the holiday festivities Friday evening with a scavenger hunt. At the close of the hunt, first prize was awarded to Teddy Russell, Billy Joe Burton, Lester Brooks, Anita Anderson, Mignon Waggoner and Paul Steed, who succeeded in finding every article listed for their group. The consolation prize was given to Peggy Teague, Tommy Nell Holman, Florine Morgan, Bobbie Stephens and Joy Carol.

Thirty class members took part in the hunt, which ended at the Hamlin City Park where an al fresco supper was served to the seniors and to Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Griffin, Mrs. B. M. Brundage, Loucille Willis and Doris Pope.

Mrs. Stanley Carmichael was taken to the Hendrix Memorial Hospital Tuesday where she underwent an operation for appendicitis. She is reported doing well.

quate machinery with which to adjust production to demand. If the demand goes up, and consumption passes production, then production can quickly be adjusted upwards. We can adjust either way depending on conditions.

Let's not go off half-cocked! Let's consider the situation carefully and weigh all angles of the problem with which we are faced.

JUNIORS ENJOY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Members of the junior class of Hamlin High School were entertained with a Christmas party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Calhoun at Plasterco, Friday night. A Christmas theme was featured in decorations, refreshments and games.

Climaxing the evenings entertainment, the guests assembled around a large decorated tree and exchanged gifts. Those present were thirty juniors, R. H. Campbell, Camille Smyers, Mrs. M. T. Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Fletcher, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Calhoun.

The committee on arrangements were Joyce Hudson, Marguerite, Nobles, Charlotte Dillingham, Jennie Hulse, Herbie Faye Johnston and Wanda Bowen.

James Elwood Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edd Rogers who has been seriously ill with diphtheria in the Stamford Hospital is reported to be improved.

Mrs. Holly Toler was taken to the Sweetwater Hospital Thursday morning where she underwent an appendectomy. The latest reports are that she is resting well.

MORE EAST TEXAS DEER

Early reports to the State Game Department indicate deer are more plentiful in East Texas than they have been for many years. More are being killed this year.

FIND UNUSUAL ANTELOPE

Should Texas ever have an open season on buck antelope, which is far from being an impossibility, you may hear of a doe being mistaken for a buck and being killed. It is a very rare occasion when an antelope doe is found with a full pronghorn as large as those grown by a buck antelope. However, one was rounded-up in the State Game Department's drive on antelope on the Brennan Ranch near Sterling City recently. The doe appeared to be a barren animal. Buck antelope have a horn which curves back on a hook-like shape and the prong is full. Does have a straight horn which does not boast a wide prong.

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Junior Music Club Has First Meeting

Thursday, December 14, the Junior Schubert Music Club met for the first regular meeting of the school year. Minutes were read by the secretary, and the club voted to accept the Constitution as proposed by the executive committee and sponsors. To complete the executive committee, two new officers were elected and installed. They were Lester Brooks, parliamentarian and Joyce Hudson, custodian of scrap-book.

Gifts were presented to members and refreshments served.

—Reporter

Merry Makers Club Enjoys Annual Christmas Dinner

Monday evening, December 18, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smith was gayly decorated with a lighted Christmas tree and other seasonal decorations when they entertained the Merry Makers Club, the occasion being their annual Christmas dinner.

Two tables were centered with lovely potted poinsettias and small gifts for each member marked places. A two course dinner consisting of turkey and all the trimmings and followed by mince pie topped with whipped cream was served.

Following the dinner Mr. G. R. Bennett presented for the club a set of rock crystal water glasses to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, who will leave the first of the year for Graham where they will make their home.

Several games of 84 were played. Members present were: Messrs. and Mrs. G. R. Bennett, R. B. Wiar, L. O. Cassle, Ira Clements, J. E. Moody, Dr. and Mrs. Joe McCrary, Mrs. Mart Farrow and the host and hostess.

Miss Tommie Nell

Holman Hostess

For Luncheon

Miss Tommie Nell Holman was hostess for a lovely three course luncheon, Saturday at one o'clock, at her home on Union Avenue.

For the occasion the home was attractively decorated with holiday colors and symbols, and the same motif was used in appointments. Those enjoying this pleasant occasion were Misses Mignon Waggoner, Florine Morgan, Peggy Jane Fague, Winifred Carr, and the hostess.

Christmas Dinner For Hoot Owl Club

A Yuletide theme was used in decorations and appointments in pretty party Thursday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Farrow when the Hoot Owl club met for their annual Christmas dinner.

Following the dinner games of bridge were played with Mrs. Bill Rountree and G. W. Turner winning the scores.

Those present were Messrs. and Mrs. Bob Barrow, L. H. McBride, Roy Gilbreath, Bill Rountree, G. W. Turner and Clinton Barrow.

Woman's Literary Club Observes Bible Day

The Woman's Literary Club met Friday afternoon in the home of W. R. Calhoun in Plasterco for annual Bible Day program.

Christmas colors and symbols were used in the entertaining rooms in a beautiful Christmas tree as central decoration.

Mrs. J. Henry Littleton directed the program and presented a quartet composed of Mrs. Henry Albritton, Mrs. Travis Dean, Mrs. B. M. Indage, and Mrs. Art Carmichael sang, "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day," and "Silent Night."

Goodson Sellers gave an interesting book review of the Life of Christ, which was followed by a singing, "Gift of Magi," by Mrs. L. O. Cassle. Members responded to call with Bible quotations.

Attending the meeting were: Mrs. Henry Albritton, W. A. Albritton, Ted Armstrong, Mac Brunson, J. D. Burk, Art Carmichael, L. O. Cassle, H. O. Cassle, Carl

Clifford, Travis Dean, E. F. Fairley, J. M. Grigg, O. G. Harvey, J. Frank Johnson, R. E. Johnson, J. Henry Littleton, L. B. Maberry, Heflin Miller, R. D. Moore, W. J. Poe, Goodson Sellers, Earl Smith, Tom Teague, Wallace Walton, and Miss Allie Whiteley.

Mrs. J. W. Ezell

Entertains Dorcas Class

Members of the Dorcas Class of the First Baptist Church were entertained with a lovely party Friday afternoon in the home of Mrs. J. W. Ezell on Central Avenue.

Yuletide decorations radiated Christmas cheer throughout the home. On either side of the entrance to the living room were glittering Christmas trees guarded by tiny snow men. In the dining room arranged on one end of the table was a scene depicting the visit of the Three Wise Men, and at the other end was a little home surrounded by garden and trees through which Santa Claus was coming for a visit.

For the program Miss Mary Marguerite Nobles entertained with readings. Gifts were exchanged and a delightful social hour was enjoyed.

A dainty refreshment plate with Christmas favors was served to: Mmes. W. L. Boyd, J. D. Farrow, Lee Beavers, W. D. Cooper, J. C. Farris, E. F. Fairley, J. C. McCrarty, J. B. Miller, N. E. Money, W. F. Johnson, J. L. Keen, M. P. May, J. C. Harvey, J. B. Adkins, John Griffin, L. S. Magee, J. J. Waggoner, Sallie Goedeke, M. Y. Wilson and the hostess.

Ms. Gerald Morgan

Hostess To Sorority

Mrs. Gerald Morgan formally opened her new home Tuesday evening to members of the Beta Theta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority for the annual yuletide buffet supper.

Christmas decorations and poinsettias were used throughout the entertaining rooms, with a brilliantly lighted tree as the central feature. The dining table was laid in lace centered with poinsettias, flanked by white tapers.

Games of bingo were played with white elephant items brought by guests offered as prizes. At the conclusion of the games, members exchanged gifts and a Christmas program was given.

Those present were Mrs. Holly Toler, Mrs. Perry Sparks, Misses Edwin Gilbert, Pauline Harrell, Nadine Morgan, Elsie Wienke, Lucille Willis, Hermona Shadle and the hostess.

Stitch and Chatter

Club Met With

Mrs. Raymond Jones

Christmas decorations were used in the home of Mrs. Raymond Jones, Thursday afternoon of the past week, when she entertained the Stitch and Chatter club. Gifts were exchanged and a pleasant hour of chatting enjoyed.

Salad plates with date nut pudding and coffee were passed to Mmes. Joe McCrary, Harold Bonner, Arch Hackley, Frank Lawlis, Eddie Jay, Loy Fry, Jack Miles, Roy Gilbreath, Z. T. Wilson and B. B. Campbell.

Junior Class Sponsors

Beauty and Ugly

Duckling Contest

In a Beauty and Ugly Duckling contest sponsored by the Junior class of the Hamlin High School, Tuesday evening, Mignon Waggoner was named Miss Hamlin and Glen Adkins the Ugly Duckling. Miss Waggoner was sponsored by Terrell's Grocery.

Other entrants and their sponsors were: Anita Anderson, M. T. York Stores; Charlotte Dillingham, Bryant Link Co.; Maxine Brundage, Rose Shop; Louise Riddle, Model Grocery; Myrtle Doby, Strauss Dry Goods Co.; Jenny Hulsey, Albritton Food Store; Inez Joiner, Rockwell Lumber Co.; Hope Cade, Limit Cafe; Herbie Faye Johnston, Hassen Dry Goods Co.; Phyllis Milsap, Inzers.

Entering the Ugly Duckling contest were Carl Barton, Tommy Hill,

J. C. Bledsoe, Dub Wilemon, Bobby Burns and G. W. Nichols.

Mrs. Vera Nobles played during the contests and Miss Marguerite Nobles entertained with tap dances.

Club Husbands Are Honored With Christmas Party

The Optimisses Club entertained Monday night with a party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Pennington on Jackson Avenue, including club husbands and a few friends as guests.

For the occasion the party rooms were decorated with symbols of the season and a beautifully lighted and ornamented Christmas tree from which gifts were distributed.

Games of 42 were played in which A. T. Tipton held high score.

Refreshments were served to Messrs and Mmes. J. D. Burk, Jodie Creel, O. G. Harvey, Roy Gilbreath, L. B. Maberry, G. P. Odom, A. T. Tipton, Hal Rasor, Dean, Mrs. Jerry Richardson, Mrs. Morton Keen, Mrs. J. L. Keen and Mr. Wallace Walton.

Mrs. W. F. Johnson

Hostess To Club

Tiny colored lights gleaming through Christmas greens and a beautiful lighted Christmas tree decorated the home of Mrs. W. F. Johnson, Tuesday afternoon when she was hostess to the Tuesday club.

Games of bridge were played with Miss Pearl Whiteley making high score. At the conclusion of the games gifts were exchanged. A delicious salad plate with pecan pie and coffee was served.

Those playing were Mmes. J. L.

Keen, J. C. Culbertson, H. O. Cassle, R. B. Wiar, Bowen Pope, Burns Eakin; Misses Eleanor Temple and Pearl Whiteley. Tea guests were Mrs. Frank Johnson of Dallas, and Mrs. Truett May and little daughter Margaret Mary, of Denver, Colorado.

NEW ARRIVAL

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Fitzgerald were in Snyder Sunday to visit their new nephew, little Morris Lee Jones, who arrived just in time to take part in Christmas celebration. Below we quote from the Scurry County Times:

"Morris Lee, a seven-pound son, is being announced by Mr. and Mrs. Arice L. Jones. The baby arrived at 4:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the local hospital, and he and his mother are doing well. The young man was named for his grandfather, Morris S. Jones of Hamlin, and for his dad, manager of the hardware department in the local Bryant-Link Company store. The youngster boasts two sets of great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. McBride of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Curry of Hamlin.

Miss Gladys Maxwell, interviewer for WPA, who has had headquarters in Hamlin the past month, has been transferred to Matador, effective Jan. 2. Her position in Jones County as interviewer will be taken by Mrs. Louise McCue, the WPA Social Worker, for Jones, Fisher, Stonewall, Kent and Scurry.

HOW CAN you be remembered longer and better than by sending the Herald to a friend and loved one?

Miss
Moody
Selected
As
"Chic"
Co-Ed
Of
S. M. U.
Campus



The accompanying picture of MISS MARY BETH MOODY, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Moody, recently appeared in the weekly publication "The Campus," at Southern Methodist University, Dallas. Miss Moody was selected by her sorority as "The Miss Chic Co-Ed of the Campus."

Miss Moody is a Senior, majoring in Primary Education, and is president of the Alpha Omi Cron Pi Sorority.

Mrs. W. J. McGee left Tuesday for Dallas to visit her sister-in-law, Mrs. T. P. Mason during the next month. While away Mrs. McGee will visit in Ranger and Cisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Truett May and baby, Margaret Mary, of Denver, Colorado, came Monday to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. P. May.

FOR
THE

HOLIDAYS

Christmas Specials

CANDY, Christmas Mix . . . 2 lbs. . . . 25¢

SUGAR CLOTH SACK . . . 10 lbs. . . . 48¢

Shortening 4 Bird Brand . . . 36¢

Cocoanuts 3 FOR . . . 25¢

Walnuts Fancy California . . . 19¢

APPLES Size Fancy 163 Delicious, Dozen . . . 23¢

ORANGES Size Fancy 252 DOZEN . . . 15¢

SUGAR Confectioner's 3 Lbs. For . . . 25¢

Mince Meat Red & White 3 FOR . . . 25¢

KARO Red Label 3 LB. CAN . . . 28¢

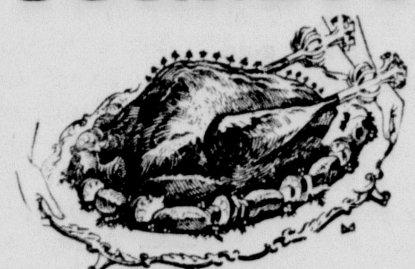
Pickles Sour or Dill QUART . . . 15¢

Steak LB. . . . 15¢

Pork Roast LB. . . . 14¢

Cheese LB. . . . 23¢

See Tom For
TURKEYS



Pork Chops LB. . . . 18¢

Bacon KORN KING LB. . . . 23¢

Beef Roast LB. . . . 14¢

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Anson Folks Host To "The Cowboys' Christmas Ball"

"If there is one single literary composition that is a West Texas Classic," says G. D. Triplett, "it doubtless is Larry Chittenden's poem, 'The Cowboys' Christmas Ball.' Every year this famous old Ball, which began in the 80's at Christmas time, is re-enacted in Anson and the dates this year are December 21, 22, and 23rd.

Many old-time ranch hands who attended one of the original Balls will be back this year for the re-enactment which attracts people from all over the State. Everybody

attending comes attired like the old time cowhands and their ladies of the 80's, lending to these old time dances and the grand march the proper atmosphere.

At these times, just as in by-gone days:

"The room was togged out gorgeous—with mistletoe and shawls And the candles flickered frescoes 'round the airy walls.

The women folks looked lovely, the boys looked kinda treed, 'Til their leader commenced yellin', 'Whoa, fellers, let's stampede.'

And the rataplan of the Cowboy boots mingles with the swish and swirl of flowing skirts as the cow-

hands swing their partners through the Virginia Reel, Square, Heel and Toe, Waltz and Schottische and the other old time dances at the annual Cowboys' Christmas Ball at Anson.

The grand march, too, starts the Ball, just as it did in the 80's and to get the lads and lassies acquainted there is always the Paul Jones. Every year the thousands who attend, like Larry Chittenden, say:

"That whirl at Anson City just takes the cake with me.

I'm sick of lazy shufflin, of them I've had my fill, Give me a frontier breakdown, backed up by Windy Bill."

the azure-eyed for listener, But yonder mockingbird sings on. And still do generals plan and armies march As though Alexander, and the Ten Thousand, had never been. And babies laugh, and actors strut, and men die, As if laughing, strutting, dying were a silver story, freshly-minted. And because Homer came first to Beauty's shore, Shall all who come, forever after, stand in silence? Stop then the waves, the moon, And life itself, with all its royal pageantry.

Raise additional money for old age pensions by a tax of 10 cents on each 1,000 feet of gas leaving the State, an increase of 1 cent a barrel on oil, 25 cents on each telephone box and a 5 per cent pipe line tax—so suggests Jerry Sadler, Supporters of the plan say it would be paid mainly by people living in other states whereas a general sales tax, they contend, would be paid entirely by Texans and would bear heaviest on the poorest.

Speaking of the old joke contest, there's the one about the man who ordered fish for lunch. After waiting a good while, he asked the waiter, "What kind of bait are they using?" The twin to this one deals with the man who ordered half of a fried chicken. He, too, waited a long time and the waiter explained, "We are waiting about killing the chicken till somebody comes in and orders the other half."

And the defendant, who, when asked whether he was guilty or not guilty, said, "Judge ain't that what we got the jury here to decide?" And that other defendant whose lawyer made such an eloquent talk that he was turned loose and a friend said afterward, "Confidentially, John, did you steal that horse?" And John replied, "Well, I thought I did till I heard my lawyer's speech; now, I have my doubts."

Award of the Texas Institute of Letters for the best book of the year written by a Texan deservedly went to J. Frank Dobie for "Apache Gold and Yaqui Silver."

Roy Bean, "the law west of the Pecos," is going to be the subject of a Broadway play and it'll probably be a hit.

Three weeks ago, I pointed out that Land Commissioner Bascom Giles, chairman of the School Land Board, was getting ready to gamble with school land by leasing it for oil on high royalty instead of high cash. A few days ago in the Dallas News, he admitted that high cash, and fixed royalty to the State would "take the gambling" out of leasing state land. Now that the Land Commissioner has been convinced by my argument, surely he is not going to go ahead and hold the December leasing on a high royalty basis which he publicly admits is gambling and that high cash is best?

I GIVE YOU TEXAS

(By BOYCE HOUSE)

See by the papers that the derrick of the Santa Rita well, which marked the discovery of the great West Texas oil field with millions of dollars for the University of Texas, may be dismantled and re-erected on the University campus—a pleasing, sentimental gesture.

But more worthwhile would be for the University to use a very small trickle of that golden stream to make possible the writing of the story of oil. Within a brief span, oil has revolutionized the life of our nation; it has made the magic carpet of the fairy tale a reality and not simply for a prince but for every workingman. How much simpler and more intelligent it would be to write the story now while so many of the principal actors in the great drama of petroleum are still living to give first-hand accounts instead of waiting a century and trying to piece the story together from fragments.

Such an undertaking would be as worthy of a truly great university as building a telescope to study the stars or a machine to smash an atom. After all, they have stars and atoms everywhere but oil is peculiarly the story of Texas for this State produces 40 per cent of all the oil of the United States. Since the Lucas gusher roared in at Spindletop in 1901, the value of the petroleum produced in Texas is far greater than the non-existent wealth of the cities of Cibola; it would make all the lost mines and buried treasures of the Southwest look like pocket change. The present flow of oil in Texas if maintained for 50 years, would amount to more than all the gold produced in the world since Columbus sighted America—and the oil has meant infinitely more in service to the human race than the gold.

This columnist has been advised that a poem of mine has won first prize in a contest conducted by the Fort Worth Poetry Society—my first prize since winning an essay contest in the eighth grade. That long-ago prize was a \$2.50 gold piece which became the down payment on a rifle.

Maybe you'd like to read the poem? No? Well, since you insist here is "All Has Been Said": All has been said; The songs have all been sung, the tales have all been told. Why then (you ask) do I repeat—and faintly—What long ago was wrought in words of magic? Well, did not bright blossoms blow in Pharoah's time, Yet tulips, crimson-cupped, sway in the breeze today. And once a nightingale had Helen

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"If parents neglect this duty, their home will not be placarded, visitors, particularly children, will not be properly warned there is communicable disease within. By

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again. Everyone to Santas visit. everyone will re- celebrating the our and not the Chapel, Saturday even- ing our Xmas tree, at st church. Please bring early and avoid a last sh and help make it easier ur decorating committee. We so having our Christmas Pagent e Methodist church, Sunday ng, we are expecting a large l and a good time. at could be nicer than to send end or loved one the Hamlin d for a Christmas present? I

would be so glad to send in the sub- scriptions for you, it would help me and wouldn't cost you any more. See me if you care to subscribe. Read your home paper and know what your neighbors over the way are doing. "Thanks."

Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Hill and little daughter, June of Flat Top spent Saturday night and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Haught.

Rev. and Mrs. Ottinger had lunch and dinner with the Cozzens, Sun.

The new Methodist pastor, Rev. Cecil Ottinger preached his first sermon at Boyd Chapel, Sunday morning and Sunday evening, to a large crowd. We are all so pleased with him and his good wife and are looking forward to a great year in the Masters work, if every member will do his or her part well, but the pastor can not do his part and ours

too. We each one have a place to fill, so let's be at our post. Be in Sunday School each Sunday morning at 10:15. Let's make that our New Years resolution. If we don't do you any good, we will sure not do you any harm.

Quite a few from our community attended the North Side Singing Convention at Avoca, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Haught, Toby Estes and Virginia Cozzen attended the Fisher County singing convention at McCaulley, Sunday afternoon. We are expecting a big crowd at the cottage singing, Wednesday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Haught.

Quite a few from Boyd Chapel were Christmas shoppers in Abilene, Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Estes and daughter Toby and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Haught shopped in Abilene

Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Crow of Hamlin visited her sister Mrs. Judge L. Crow, Sunday afternoon.

Miss Ethel Flemming, a nurse from Rotan visited her father, Mr. J. R. Flemming, Saturday night, they visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brown, Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Drummonds and little son spent Saturday night in Abilene visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ferguson visited his parents near Hamlin, Sunday afternoon.

Bobbie Fail spent the week-end in Abilene and will work there during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshal Haught of Sylvester spent Sunday with his sister Mrs. Ernest Cozzen.

Any one who has news of intrest to report, please give it to me over the week-end. I can't report what

you are doing or have done if I don't know about it and maybe I won't know it if YOU don't tell me. If I miss your news item the chances are it is your fault because you didn't tell me.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all the Staff and all of our readers.

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Linton Mayfield, one of the Hamlin boys in the Navy, came home last week for his Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Mayfield near McCaulley. Linton is assigned to the Cruiser Nashville, and in all has been in the Navy 13 years.

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HEAT YOUR ENTIRE HOME FOR YOUR HEALTH'S SAKE

News of the Week From the McCaulley Community

(By PAULINE MABERRY)

Mrs. Nash Miers, teacher of music and Miss Betty Joe Abbott, expression teacher, of McCaulley gave a recital Monday night. Each number on the program was well given and enjoyed by the audience.

The newly formed club among the younger generation, was at Velma Lou Boyd's home Sunday for her birthday. The guests were Lillian Bess Darden, Velta Parker, Bessie Mae Faulkenberry, Joy Henson and Ann Harold of Histon. The name of this club is The Co-eds.

The boys basketball team played their tournament Friday night and Saturday afternoon. They played Colorado first and lost then played Lueders and lost again.

Miss Hattie Logan Clay visited Miss Imogene Shulze at Merkel over the week-end. Miss Clay will spend the Christmas holidays in Hamilton.

Miss Bird Cleo Crabtree will spend the Christmas holidays with her parents at Olton.

The Senior class is giving their play, Thursday night. The name is, "WHO DID IT." We expect a big crowd. The price of admission is 10c and 20c.

Grandmother Faulkenberry spent the week-end with her son, Claude Faulkenberry in McCaulley.

Mr. and Mrs. Red Faulkenberry spent Sunday with Claude Faulkenberry. Mr. and Mrs. Theron Roders also were guests in the home.

Ladies Home Demonstration Club gave a banquet last Thursday night. A large crowd gathered and everyone had a good time.

Two adult classes of the Baptist church gave a banquet Friday night. Rev. Henely of Sylvester gave an interesting talk.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Powers are going to spend Christmas in Olton with his parents.

Mrs. J. F. Maberry returned home last Thursday from a visit with her daughter at Canton, Texas.

Jim and Jess Humphries sister-in-law at Abilene has been critically ill but this week she is reported to be a little improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Fineless Bartlett

had as guests for the week-end Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jefferys, of Fort Worth.

Instead of having just one tree for the whole school, we're having the first and second grades together with one tree. The third, fourth, and fifth together and the sixth and seventh together. The high school will be together. Before the presents are given, there will be a program in the auditorium. Everyone is invited to come be with us.

Tour - -

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a mere speck in the amount needed to be accomplished, in all the country.

Let us review the tour Monday: There were three "projects" visited. This was to get a peep at the three phases of activity. First, Water and Soil Conservation (water needs). Second, Rehabilitation (Helping Families Help Themselves) and Third, Tenant Home Purchases. All this means bringing aid to the tenant farmer or small home-owned farms unable to make progress without some basis for the "start-off." It was made clear Monday that the FSA can loan money for almost anything needed to help keep folks up and going on the farm.

The crowd following for each and every inspection was greater in Jones County, according to a statement made by Mr. Smitham, than any he had seen in Texas, and more citizenship factors represented than anywhere else, he said.

The first place visited was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Culwell north of Funston. Water Scarcity had been their drawback. None under the ground, and no way to catch it on top. An application to Mr. Baird secured funds and instructions for building a surface tank, and windmill, pipe lines, tower, and connections in the home. It also meant terracing by the "one-way plow" system. This was all demon-

strated there Monday. Mrs. Culwell says she can hardly wait till it rains to start their water system. She says it has rained and she knows it will come again. She says that the hardships of carrying water, dipping water, brushing back wiggle tails is making home work too hard for women on the farm. She is growing green things to eat in a frame garden with hardly any water, and later she expects to make her place look like somebody lives there.

The next place visited was at the Adolph Rainwater home on the Phillips farm six miles northwest of Anson. This is a tenant place where aid brought the family from dependence to happy and buoyant independence— from almost nothing to something and plenty. Mr. and Mrs. Rainwater had the goods to show . . . and even in a drouth year, they had more than 500 quarts of canned stuff . . . they started with less than 100 acres 3 years ago and came out with a little over \$300.00 at the end of the year, and then began to get loans and direction from the FSA, using more lands, and increasing their income to more than \$1000, with extra equipment, poultry, cows, horses, hogs, and vegetables. Certainly they paid back all they borrowed. This year they are still going forward. They keep close records, they know what they are doing, and where they are going. They are trying to live and struggling not so much for the almighty dollar. This family should get in on that "purchase of home" plan.

The last place visited was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Sherrell west of Stith. This couple and one son and one little daughter moved on this place one year ago, last week. Sherrell was one of the hard working renters in Jones county who had given up hope of ever owning a home and was beginning to worry about what the future meant to him and his small family. The opportunity came when the government offered to pick out a few renters in this county who could get a home by the FSA plan. Sherrell has more than made good so far. He has around his home everything that means security. The house was reconditioned and is today one of the modern comfortable homes in the country, furnished from the sale of poultry, cream, and eggs.

The large crowd inspected the Sherrell stock lots and barns, saw the well built poultry houses, fat hogs, well barned Jersey cows, and even a fine spunky son, a senior in Merkel High School milking while distinguished men and women looked on. That young fellow feels better now that Dad and Mother and sister have a place that nobody can move them from. He showed that he liked to tend the cows, feed the hogs, and gather up the eggs. The government not only gave the father and mother a chance, but the well, housed and well fed and educated children have a better outlook.

What was seen at the Sherrell home closed a great day. Congressman Garrett got a vision of what good business sense it is to place government funds as an investment in families and farms like Sherrell's and others he had seen while mixing with the real 'grass roots of the nation.' He will take back to Washington a picture that will brighten in the halls of legislation. He can point to a method that will head off the ever expanding relief expenditures; he can again tell his fellow congressmen that putting money into good lands, and outstanding poor families is the best security in all the world. It is an almost Tax-free idea too, and money spent for everlasting lands, should not be called "cost of government" but good horse sense investments.

This writeup would not be complete unless we say something about the program at the Fair Park Auditorium in Abilene, Monday night. There State Director Smitham reviewed the work of the FSA and how far out it could reach in giving help, where and when needed. He presented Mr. Garrett to the audience of about three hundred. Mr. Garrett's talk was informal, and to the point, making everyone feel that his heart and soul was set to advance everything which had proven good for the rural citizen.

The picture "The River" was shown to illustrate how in past decades the people of the United States had literally destroyed the timber and grasses, and allowed the rains to take away the soil, and made possible the floods for further destruction; and then how efforts are being made to restore or hold that which may continue to make our nation prosperous and happy. Again we say Monday in Jones County was a great day.

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SAFEWAY

FLAT TOP SOUTH SIDE NEWS

(By Nancy O'Neal)

A group of friends surprised Mrs. J. E. Kennedy with a party last Thursday at her home, honoring her on her 54th birthday. String music was the entertainment for the evening. Refreshments of coffee, punch and cake were served to the following: Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kennedy Mr. and Mrs. Oran Kennedy and son Monroe; Mr. and Mrs. Mim Lail and family; Mr. and Mrs. Grady Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kennedy and son, Donald Wayne; Miss Ida Kennedy, Royland Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Lail and children; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. O'Neal and children and Bunyan Payne.

The children of the Flat Top school are working hard to have their Christmas play up in time for old Santa.

The Stonewall County library truck visited Flat Top school last week and delivered a nice selection of books.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bowman and children of Flat Top visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bruner of South Side Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Gray and son

Jack of Breckenridge were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. O'Neal of South Side, Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Brady of South Side visited Mr. and Mrs. Copehaven of Tuxedo last Sunday.

Mr. Bunyon Payne and Mr. Royland Kennedy of Flat Top entertained for 15 minutes Wednesday over

KRBC.

Mrs. Wilks Hinson of Waco visiting Mr. and Mrs. Sam Doyle of Flat Top this week.

Mrs. Bennett Kerbow returned her home in Clarendon Sunday after spending ten days in Hamlin with her mother, Mrs. F. I. Walker.

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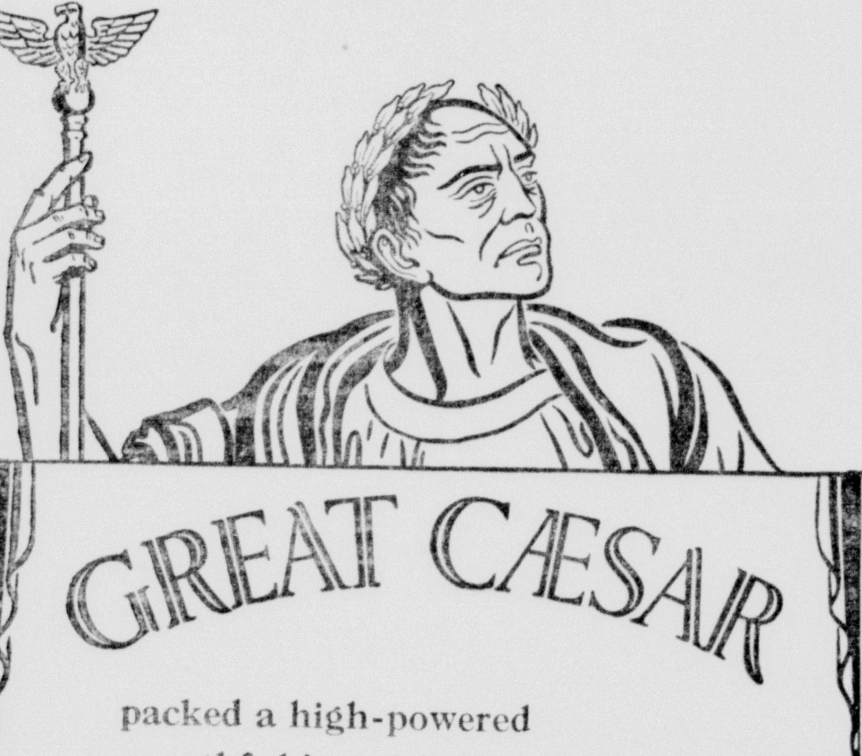
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